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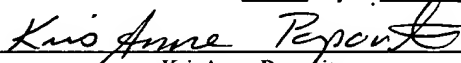
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Filing Date:	January 19, 2000	Examiner: C. R. Harmon
Title:	AN APPARATUS FOR PACKAGING GOODS IN AN OPEN-BOTTOMED CONTAINER AND METHOD FOR DOING THE SAME	Group Art Unit: 3721

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
(UNDER 37 CFR 1.116)**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of April 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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